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April 11, 2002

To: SECSTATE WASHDC - IMMEDIATE
Action: WHA
From: AMEMBASSY CARACAS (CARACAS 974 - IMMEDIATE)
TAGS: ECON, PGOV, PREL, BPET, ETRD, VE
Captions: None
Subject: VENEZUELA'S GENERAL STRIKE AS OF 3:00 PM APRIL 11
Ref: A. CARACAS 00948 B. 00966 C. 00973

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CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR CHARLES S. SHAPIRO. REASON
1.5 (B) AND (D).

1. (U) At approximately 2:30 Emboffs report thousands of Chavez supporters in front of Miraflores protected by a small contingent of 30-40 national guard. The latter are located in between the Chavez supporters and the route of the march. Some of Chavez supporters have arrived in war paint and carrying sticks. Steel pipes are being distributed. The government television station reports that Chavez will fight to death rather than leave office.

The Demonstrators

2. (U) The enormous demonstration continues its march in the direction of Miraflores, chanting "fuera" (leave). The head of the parade is reportedly approximately 10-12 blocks from Miraflores. Metropolitan police are moving ahead of the demonstrators. So far, the demonstration has been peaceful except for an unexplained shooting at the Central University Campus near the parade route.

The Military

3. (U) At 2:30 General Rincon with his commanding generals appeared in a short "Cadena" calling for mutual understanding and dialogue, and said the National Guard would keep the peace. They denied that Chavez was in detention and said he was in his "dispatcho". They also denied they had resigned.

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